# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF VACANT RAILWAY LAND
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether large area of land of different Railway Zones including those of Western Railways are lying unutilised;

(b) if so, the details of the unutilised Railway land as on date alongwith reasons therefor, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any plan for better utilisation of the above land and propose to allocate the above land on lease to the people belonging to the SCs and STs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Railway have about 4,23,000 hectares (ha) of land out of which only 42,846 ha of land is lying vacant in mostly longitudinal strips along the track.

(b): Zone-wise details of vacant Railway land are as under:-

| Railway | Vacant Land (in ha.) |
|---|---|
| Central | 2479 |
| East Central | 4454 |
| East Coast | 188 |
| Eastern | 1518 |
| Northern | 2899 |
| North Central | 713 |
| North Eastern | 5875 |
| Northeast Frontier | 3466 |
| North Western | 375 |
| Southern | 2287 |
| South Central | 3902 |
| South Eastern | 85 |
| South East Central | 3260 |
| South Western | 2854 |
| Western | 7460 |
| West Central | 1031 |
| Total | 42846 |

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. Setting up of a separate Authority by name Rail Land Development Authority has been envisaged for commercial development of vacant land. There is however no proposal to allocate the vacant land to the people belonging to the SCs and STs.